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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:       Blanc et al.  
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Title:                    CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS

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Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13.

Abstract begins on page 14. Please substitute the attached Abstract, which has been placed on a separate sheet of paper, in accordance with U.S. practice.